

Curriculum Vita

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Research interests and specialization in Integrative Spiritual Theology: Christian Spirituality, Jesus the master teacher, the teaching-learning-motivational processes of character formation and community formation; philosophy and theology of education

Book Review Editor, *Christian Education Journal*, 2003-08.

Formal Education

1982 - 1984. Doctor of Philosophy, College of Education, Michigan State University, (Curriculum & Instruction), Advisor: Dr. Ted Ward.

1981 - 1982. Master of Arts, College of Education, University of California, Riverside, (Curriculum & Instruction), Advisor: Dr. J. T. Dillon.

1973 - 1977. Master of Theology, Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas.

1968 - 1973. Bachelor of Arts, California State University, Long Beach. (Philosophy)

Professional Training

2000 - 2003 Certificate in Spiritual and Retreat Direction, L.A. Archdiocese, Center for Spirituality

Publications--Books

1992 *Teaching For Reconciliation: Foundations and Practice of Christian Educational Ministry*. (co-authored with Ronald Habermas). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 421 pp. (paper edition published, 1977)

Translation: Korean, 1996

1994 *How We Learn: A Christian Teacher's Guide to Educational Psychology*. (co-authored with Ronald Habermas) Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, [Baker, originally], 288 pp.

2001 *Wasting Time With God: A Christian Spirituality of Friendship With God*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 296pp. [also being translated into Portuguese]

Translations: Korean, 2005; Portuguese, 2006; Russian, 2006

2002 *What Does It Mean to Be Human? Participation in the Game of Life* Atlanta, GA: Ravi Zacharias Intl Ministry. 64pp

2006 *The Lost Virtue of Happiness: Discovering the Disciplines of the Good Life* with J. P. Moreland, Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 219pp.

2007 *Jesus in Trinitarian Perspective: An Introductory Christology*, co-editor, Fred Sanders, Nashville: Broadman & Holman.

2008 *In Search of a Confident Faith: Overcoming Barriers to Trusting in God*, with J. P. Moreland, Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity.

Publications—Journal Articles

- 1983 "A Conception of Excellence in Teaching," *Education*, 103, (Summer): 338-343.
 1985 Reprinted in *Christian Education Journal*, VI, (Fall): 19-23.
 1987 Reprinted in: J. I. Packer (Ed.), *The Best in Theology*, Vol. I., Carol Stream, IL: Christianity Today Institute, 423-429.
- 1989 "Moral Development As A Curriculum Emphasis in American Protestant Theological Education," (co-authored with Ted Ward), *Journal of Moral Education* [British], 18 (2), (May): 131-143.
- 1990 "Nurturing Marriage and Family Life," *Christian Education Journal*, 10(2), (Winter): 75-85.
- 2000 "The Spiritual Formation of Jesus: The Significance of the Holy Spirit in the Life of Jesus" *Christian Education Journal*, 4 (2), Fall 2000, 5-24.
- 2001 "Divine Providence And Impetratory Prayer: A Review of Issues from Terrance Tiessen's *Providence and Prayer*," *Philosophia Christi*, Series 2, Vol 3, Nov., 533-541.

Publications--Chapters in Books

- 1993 Chapter 9: "Conscience: Moral Sensitivity and Moral Reasoning." In J. Moreland & David Ciochi, Eds., *Christian Perspectives On Being Human: A Multidisciplinary Approach*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker.
- 1996 Chapter 19: "Habits of the Excellent Teacher," in *With an Eye on the Future: Development and Mission in the 21st Century*, [Festschrift for Ted Ward] edited by Duane Elmer and Lois McKinney, Monrovia, CA: MARC.
- 2001 Chapter 3: "Theological Foundations of Christian Education," in *Christian Education: Foundations for the Twenty-first Century*, Michael Anthony, ed., Grand Rapids, MI: Baker.
- 2004 Chapter 4: "Biblical Perspectives on Developmental Grace for Nurturing Children's Spirituality," in *Children's Spirituality: Christian Perspectives, Research, and Application*, ed. Donald Ratcliff, Eugene, OR: Cascade/Wipf & Stock.
- 2007 Chapter 6: "Jesus' Example: Proto-type of the Dependent, Spirit-Filled Life" in *Jesus in Trinitarian Perspective: An Introductory Christology*, co-editors, Fred Sanders and Klaus Issler, Nashville: Broadman & Holman. pp 189-225.
- [in press] Chapter 5: "The Heart and Spiritual Formation," in *Foundations of Spiritual Formation: A Community Approach*, Ed. Paul Petitt, Foreword by Howard Hendricks, Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel.

Publications --Dictionary Articles

- 1998 "Louis Marshall (1773-1866)," (1000 words); "Eliphalet Pearson (1752-1826)," (1000 words) in the *American National Biography*, 20 Volumes, John A. Garraty, gen. ed., NY: Oxford University Press [this new edition replaces the *Dictionary of American Biography, 1928*].
- 2001 "Faith/Belief, Content of," (2000 words); "The Teaching-Learning Process" (1600 words) in the *Baker Dictionary of Christian Education*, Michael Anthony, ed., Grand Rapids, MI: Baker.
- [2009, in press] "Faithfulness, God's" (1000 words), "Teaching" (500 words), *The Dictionary of Everyday Theology and Culture*, Bruce Demarest, ed. Colorado Springs, CO: Navpress.

Book Reviews

- 2003 *Spirituality for the Skeptic: The Thoughtful Love of Life*. By Robert C. Solomon. New York: Oxford University Press, 2002. 159 pp, in *Philosophia Christi*, 5 (2), 637-42.
- 2004 *Renovation of the Heart: Putting on the Character of Christ*. Dallas Willard. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2002. 268pp, in *Christian Education Journal*, 3 (1 NS 3), Fall, 158-164.

Professional Presentations

Evangelical Theological Society

- 2007, "Christian Formation Toward What End? A Model of Five Broad Sanctification Themes of the Spirit" Annual meeting, San Diego, Nov.

- 2003, "An Exemplar Incarnation Model: A Basis for Jesus as Our Genuine Example," 3rd paper in a suite of papers on Jesus' Person and Nature, Annual meeting, Atlanta, Nov.
- 2002, "Is the Two-Wills/Two Minds View of the Incarnation Coherent? A Reexamination of the Condemnation of Monothelism," with Garry DeWeese, Annual meeting, Toronto, Nov.
- 2002, "Spiritual Formation and Theological Controversy, Response to Robert Saucy," Spiritual Formation Study Group, Annual meeting, Toronto, Nov
- Regional:* 1999, "The Problem of Evil: Toward A Multifaceted and Theologically Informed Theodicy," *Far west region*, La Mirada, CA, April.
- 1998, "God's Foreknowledge, Providence and Petitionary Prayer: Five Evangelical Views," Annual meeting, Orlando, FL, Nov.
- Regional:* 1998, "The Hiddenness of God: A Perplexing and Promising Concept for Study and Christian Living," *Far west region*, San Diego, May.
- 1992, "Educating a sensitive conscience: Insights from Theology and Social Science," Annual meeting, San Francisco, Nov.

Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture—*Friendship: Quests for Character, Community and Truth*, 2007 "Valuing Close Friendship Dyads: Toward a Theology of Friendship within Christian Community," Waco Tx, October.

North American Professors of Christian Education

- 2002, "Intentionally Integrating Theology in our Educational Curriculum," Professional Development Seminar, Annual meeting, San Diego, Oct.
- 2001, "Discovering the Spirit-Empowered Life" praxis seminar, Annual meeting, Chicago, Oct.
- 1998, "Was Jesus an Effective Teacher? A Review of Three Books on Jesus as Teacher," Annual meeting, Nashville, Oct.
- 1995, "Motivation for the Christian Life: Issues and Options Identified in the New Testament" Annual meeting, Chicago Oct.
- 1994, "Why grow up? A New Perspective for Tapping into the Christian's Motivation to Pursue Spiritual Growth," Annual meeting, Irvine, CA, Oct.
- 1992, "An Intentional Plan for the Foundations and Practice of Christian Education" (with Ronald Habermas) Annual meeting, Dallas, TX, Oct.
- 1988, "Interviews of Seminary Faculty: Moral Development as a Curriculum Component of Protestant Theological Education." Annual meeting, Vail, CO, Oct.

Christian Association of Psychological Studies

- 1998, "Finch's Journey Inward: A Seminary Professor's and Spouse's Experience of a 3-Week Spiritual Retreat" Western region, La Mirada, CA, June.

American Educational Research Association

- 1985, "Moral Development and Professional Education: Seminary Education and Ministerial Students." Annual meeting, Division I seminar, Chicago, April.

Publications—Booklets

- 1998 Instructor's Manual (revised with Don Ratcliff) and 140 objective test-item bank, for *Encountering the Book of Genesis* by Bill Arnold, Grand Rapids, MI: Baker.

Professional Experience

Employment in Higher Education

- 1991 - present. Talbot School of Theology, Biola University
Faculty, Ph.D. in Educational Studies program, 1991-
Director of the Ph.D. Program, Talbot School of Theology, 1994-99

Institute for Spiritual Formation, Executive committee member and Adjunct Faculty, 1996-2003
 Talbot Faculty Forum, Co-chair, 1995-99
 Talbot Impact Ministries Task Force, 1994-97
 Protection of Human Rights in Research Committee member, 1991-94, 1997-98, 2003-
 University Graduate Studies Committee, 1993-97, Chair, 1995-97
 Library Architect Selection Committee, 1992-1993.

1986 - 1991. Western C. B. Seminary, Portland, Oregon; Associate Professor of Educational Ministry.
 Faculty Development Committee member, 1989-1991
 Committee member, Psy.D. doctoral dissertations, 1987-1991
 Acting Coordinator, Educational Ministry Program, 1988-1989
 Faculty consultant for testing and evaluation, external education courses, 1986-1988
 Curriculum Review Committee member, 1987-1988

1989 - 1991. University of Portland, School of Education; Adjunct Assistant Professor of Education.
 Primary teaching responsibilities in off-campus centers for the M.A. program.

1979 - 1985. International School of Theology, San Bernardino, California; Assistant Professor of
 Education. Curriculum Committee, 1980-1982; Faculty-Deans Council, 1984-1985.

1981 - 1982. College of Education, University of California, Riverside; Research assistant.

Pastoral Staff Employment

1984 - 1985. Grace Baptist Church, San Bernardino, California; Co-Pastor (with Dr. Don Weaver), while
 faculty member at International School of Theology (pt).

1983. South Baptist Church, Lansing, Michigan (Sr. Pastor Dr. Howard Sugden), Interim college pastor,
 during doctoral studies (pt).

1977 - 1978. Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio (Sr. Pastor Dr. John Thielenhaus), Minister
 of Christian Education.

Ordained: May 21, 1978 North American Baptist Conference

1980 - 1988, Walk Thru the Bible, (hdqr: Atlanta, GA), Seminar Facilitator for Old Testament and New
 Testament Seminars

Board Member

1994-97 BEE International (Biblical Education by Extension), developing pastoral training systems in
 Eastern Europe and the former CIS; Facilitator in Romania, June 28-July 5, 1990;
 Educational consulting, Vienna, Austria & Wroclaw, Poland, January 1994.

Professional Memberships

Evangelical Theological Society

North American Professors of Christian Education

Moral Education Association (1982-1995)

National Association of Directors of Church Educators (1973-1980)

Honors and Awards

2004, Provost's Award for Excellence in Scholarship, Biola University

1998, 1999, 2000 Elizabeth Ann Bogert Memorial Fund for the Study and Practice of Christian
 Mysticism, Friends World Committee for Consultation

1996, 1997, 1999, 2000 Biola University Faculty Research & Development Grant

1994. Dean's Incentive Award, Talbot School of Theology.

1982-1984. Faculty Fellowship for doctoral studies, International School of Theology.

1981-1982. Graduate scholarship, Martha Schoepe Memorial Foundation, Anaheim, CA.

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